IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1-7 and 11-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

a storing device storing a plurality of membership conditions of ~~the~~ <u>a</u> plurality of services <u>in a membership qualification system</u>;

<u>a receiving device receiving from a user a request to present an available membership service for the user;</u>

a selecting device comparing, among the plurality of membership conditions, a <u>first</u> membership condition of a <u>current</u> service of which a-<u>the</u> user has become a member with a <u>second</u> membership condition of ~~a~~ <u>at least one</u> service of which the user has not become a member <u>in response to the request,</u> and selecting a-<u>an eligible</u> service of which the user can become a member; and

a presenting device presenting information <u>to the user</u> about the <u>eligible</u> service of which the user can become a member ~~to the user~~.

2. (currently amended) The processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein when the user is a member of at least two services, said selecting device totals membership conditions of the at least two services <u>using an AND operation</u> and compares a totaled membership condition with the <u>second</u> membership condition of the service of which the user has not become ~~the~~ <u>a</u> member.

3. (currently amended) The processing system as set forth in claim 2,

further comprising[[:]] a registering device registering <u>common</u> certificate information that is in common with the at least two services<u>,</u> ~~; and a~~

<u>wherein said</u> receiving device ~~receiving~~<u>receives</u> certificate information of the user<u>, and</u>

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wherein, when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information, said selecting device obtains the membership conditions of the at least two services based on the certificate information of the user.

4. (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

a storing device storing identification information of a first service in a membership qualification system as qualification criterion information for qualifying membership of a second service in the membership qualification system;

a receiving device receiving information of a user for whom membership qualification is performed;

a first determining device determining, in response to the information of the user, whether ~~or not a~~ the user is utilizing the first service when the user wants to become a member of the second service; and

a second determining device determining that the user has a membership qualification for the second service when the user is utilizing the first service.

5. (currently amended) The processing system as set forth in claim 4,

further comprising[[:]] a registering device registering certificate information for a service that the user is utilizing, ~~; and a~~

wherein said receiving device ~~receiving~~ receives identification information of the certificate information of the user, and

wherein when the identification information corresponds to the registered certificate information, said first determining device obtains information about the service that the user is utilizing based on the identification information and determines whether or not the user is utilizing the first service.

6. (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

a storing device storing a plurality of membership ~~condition~~ conditions of ~~an~~ a plurality of existing ~~service~~ services in a membership qualification system;

a designating device designating a new membership condition;

a simulating device comparing ~~the~~ each membership condition of the existing services with the new membership condition, adding information of users who are members of an existing service to a member count table when the new membership condition satisfies an old membership condition of the existing service, and obtaining new member information about ~~the~~

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a number of users who can become members of ~~a~~ another service corresponding to the new membership condition by counting a number of pieces of information contained in the member count table; and

        an output device outputting the ~~obtained~~ new member information.

        7. (currently amended) The processing system as set forth in claim 6,

        further comprising[[:]] a registering device registering a plurality of pieces of certificate information of the plurality of users who are utilizing the existing service_s_,

        wherein said simulating device adds certificate information of the users who are the members of the existing service to the member count table when the new membership condition satisfies the old membership condition of the existing service, ~~said simulating device~~ counts ~~the~~ a number of the pieces of certificate information contained in the member count table, and obtains the number of users who can become the members of the other service corresponding to the new membership condition.

        8. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium on which a program for a computer is recorded, said program causing the computer to perform:

        receiving from a user a request to present an available membership service for the user;

        comparing in response to the request, among a plurality of membership conditions of ~~the~~ a plurality of services in a membership qualification system, a first membership condition of a current service of which ~~a~~ the user has become a member with a second membership condition of ~~a~~ at least one service of which the user has not become a member; ~~and~~

        selecting ~~a~~ an eligible service of which the user can become a member; and

        presenting information to the user about the eligible service of which the user can become a member ~~to the user~~.

        9. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium on which a program for a computer is recorded, said program causing the computer to perform:

        receiving information of a user for whom membership qualification is performed;

        determining whether ~~or not a~~ the user is utilizing a first service in a membership qualification system when the user wants to become a member of a second service in the

membership qualification system based on identification information of the first service included in qualification criterion information for qualifying membership of the second service; and

determining that the user has a membership qualification for the second service when the user is utilizing the first service.

10. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium on which a program for a computer is recorded, said program causing the computer to perform:

designating a new membership condition;

comparing a-each membership condition of an-a plurality of existing services in a membership qualification system with the new membership condition; and

adding information of users who are members of an existing service to a member count table when the new membership condition satisfies an old membership condition of the existing service;

obtaining new member information about the-a number of users who can become members of a-another service corresponding to the new membership condition by counting a number of pieces of information contained in the member count table; and

outputting the obtained-new member information.

11. (currently amended) A processing method, comprising:

storing a plurality of membership conditions of the-a plurality of services in a membership qualification system;

receiving from a user a request to present an available membership service for the user;

comparing in response to the request, among the plurality of membership conditions, a first membership condition of a current service of which a-the user has become a member with a second membership condition of a-at least one service of which the user has not become a member and selecting a-an eligible service of which the user can become a member; and

presenting-displaying information about the eligible service of which the user can become a member to the user on a screen.

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12. (currently amended) A processing method, comprising:

referencing qualification criterion information for qualifying membership of a first service in a membership qualification system when a user wants to become a member of the first service;

receiving information of a user for whom membership qualification is performed;

determining, in response to the information of the user, whether or not the user is utilizing a second service in the membership qualification system based on identification information of the second service included in the qualification criterion information; and

determining that the user has a membership qualification for the first service when the user is utilizing the second service.; and

displaying a qualification result on a screen.

13. (currently amended) A processing method for simulating relation between a membership condition for a service and the a number of users, comprising:

designating a new membership condition; and

comparing a each membership condition of an a plurality of existing services in a membership qualification system with the new membership condition; and

adding information of users who are members of an existing service to a member count table when the new membership condition satisfies an old membership condition of the existing service;

obtaining new member information of the a number of users that can become members of a another service corresponding to the new membership condition by counting a number of pieces of information contained in the member count table; and

displaying the new member information on a screen.

14. (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

storing means for storing a plurality of membership conditions of the a plurality of services in a membership qualification system;

receiving means for receiving from a user a request to present an available membership service for the user;

selecting means for comparing, among the plurality of membership conditions, a first membership condition of a current service of which a the user has become a member with a second membership condition of a at least one service of which the user has not become a

member in response to the request, and selecting a an eligible service of which the user can become a member; and

presenting means for presenting information to the user about the eligible service of which the user can become a member to the user.

15. (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

storing means for storing identification information of a first service in a membership qualification system as qualification criterion information for qualifying membership of a second service in the membership qualification system;

a receiving device receiving information of a user for whom membership qualification is performed;

first determining means for determining, in response to the information of the user, whether or not a the user is utilizing the first service when the user wants to become a member of the second service; and

second determining means for determining that the user has a membership qualification for the second service when the user is utilizing the first service.

16. (currently amended) A processing system, comprising:

storing means for storing a plurality of membership conditions of a plurality of an existing services in a membership qualification system;

designating means for designating a new membership condition;

simulating means for comparing the each membership condition of the existing services with the new membership condition, adding information of users who are members of an existing service to a member count table when the new membership condition satisfies an old membership condition of the existing service, and obtaining new member information about the a number of users who can become members of a another service corresponding to the new membership condition by counting a number of pieces of information contained in the member count table; and

output means for outputting the obtained new member information.

17. (currently amended) A propagation signal for propagating a program to a computer, said program causing the computer to perform:

comparing, among a plurality of membership conditions of the a plurality of services, a first membership condition of a current service in a membership qualification system

of which a user has become a member with a <u>second</u> membership condition of a at least one service <u>in the membership qualification system</u> of which the user has not become a member and <u>in response to the request;</u>

selecting a <u>an eligible</u> service of which the user can become a member; and

presenting information <u>to the user</u> about the <u>eligible service</u> of which the user can become a member to the user.

18. (currently amended) A propagation signal for propagating a program to a computer, said program causing the computer to perform:

<u>receiving information of a user for whom membership qualification is performed;</u>

determining<u>, in response to the information of the user,</u> whether or not a the user is utilizing a first service <u>in a membership qualification system</u> when the user wants to become a member of a second service <u>in the membership qualification system</u> based on identification information of the first service included in qualification criterion information for qualifying membership of the second service; and

determining that the user has a membership qualification for the second service when the user is utilizing the first service.

19. (currently amended) A propagation signal for propagating a program to a computer, said program causing the computer to perform:

designating a new membership condition;

comparing a <u>each</u> membership condition of an existing service<u>s in a membership qualification system</u> with the new membership condition; and

<u>adding information of users who are members of an existing service to a member count table when the new membership condition satisfies an old membership condition of the existing service;</u>

obtaining <u>new member</u> information about the <u>a</u> number of users who can become members of a <u>another</u> service corresponding to the new membership condition <u>by counting a number of pieces of information contained in the member count table</u>; and

outputting the obtained <u>new member</u> information

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